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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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27 August 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to this Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Policy Memo No. 44-2 – Coins

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 672-20, Incentive Awards, 29 January 1999.
- b. TRADOC Regulation 672-6, Military Coins, 6 February 2001.
- c. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, 11 December 2006.

2. The Commander, US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), has delegated approval authority for the purchase of military coins using appropriated funds (APFs) to the commanders of TRADOC units and organizations regularly commanded by a field grade officer and commandants of noncommissioned officer (NCO) academies. Accordingly, I authorize subordinate brigade/regiment and battalion/squadron commanders, as well as the Commandant, US Army NCO Academy, to approve the purchase of military coins for use in their respective organizations. Additionally, I authorize the Deputy Commanding General (DCG) or Deputy Commanding Officer (DCO), US Army Armor Center and Fort Knox (USAARMC), Command Sergeant Major (CSM), USAARMC, and CSM, US Army Armor School (USAARMS), to purchase and present coins using APFs (For the purposes of complying with the spending limitations contained in TRADOC Regulation 672-6, paragraph 2-2b(3), the purchase price of such coins by the DCG/DCO and/or CSMs will be combined with the purchase price of Commanding General coins.) No one else assigned to USAARMC or USAARMS is authorized to purchase coins using APFs. Individuals authorized to purchase coins may permit others to present the coins on their behalf. Current stocks of coins will be presented until depleted.

3. Commanders/Commandants must comply with this policy and the regulations cited above when purchasing and presenting military coins. Coins purchased with APFs may not be used as gifts or mementos. Such coins may only be used as awards for excellent or unique accomplishments by military personnel and civilian employees. Coins will not be presented to peers, superiors, or contractor personnel.

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4. All units or organizations that purchase military coins with APFs will track the total expenditure each fiscal year and report the totals through their chain of command to G4/Directorate of Resource and Logistics Management.



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